

1-1 By: Sheets, Sanford (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 2924
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;
1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 17, 2013, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 17, 2013,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-9	Van de Putte	X		
1-10	Birdwell			X
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Davis	X		
1-13	Rodriguez	X		

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to military leave time accounts for police and fire
1-17 departments.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Section 143.075, Local Government Code, is
1-20 amended to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 143.075. MILITARY LEAVE TIME ACCOUNTS. (a) A
1-22 municipality shall maintain military leave time accounts for the
1-23 fire and police departments and must maintain a separate military
1-24 leave time account for each department.

1-25 (b) A military leave time account shall benefit a fire
1-26 fighter or police officer who:

1-27 (1) is a member of the Texas National Guard or the
1-28 armed forces reserves of the United States;

1-29 (2) was called to active federal military duty while
1-30 serving as a fire fighter or police officer for the municipality;
1-31 and

1-32 (3) has served on active duty for a period of 3 [~~12~~]
1-33 continuous months or longer~~[, and~~

1-34 ~~[(4) has exhausted the balance of the person's~~
1-35 ~~vacation, holiday, and compensatory leave time accumulations].~~

1-36 (c) A fire fighter or police officer may donate any amount
1-37 of accumulated vacation, holiday, sick, or compensatory leave time
1-38 to the military leave time account in that fire fighter's or police
1-39 officer's department to help provide salary continuation for fire
1-40 fighters or police officers who qualify as eligible beneficiaries
1-41 of the account under Subsection (b). A fire fighter or police
1-42 officer who wishes to donate time to an account under this section
1-43 must authorize the donation in writing on a form provided by the
1-44 fire or police department and approved by the municipality.

1-45 (d) A municipality shall equally distribute the leave time
1-46 donated to a military leave time account among all fire fighters or
1-47 police officers who are eligible beneficiaries of that account.
1-48 The municipality shall credit and debit the applicable military
1-49 leave time account on an hourly basis regardless of the cash value
1-50 of the time donated or used.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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